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**US Agency for International Development (USAID) / Pakistan**  
**Initial Environmental Examination (IEE), Amendment-1**  
**Architecture and Engineering (A&E) services IQC**

**Program/Project/Activity Data:**

Activity/Project Title: <b>Architecture and Engineering (A&amp;E) services IQC</b>		Solicitation #: N.A.
Contract/Award Number (if known): N.A.		
Geographic Location : Pakistan: 391		
Originating Bureau/Office: USAID Pakistan, Office of Infrastructure and Engineering (OIE)		
Supplemental IEE: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	DCN and date of Original document: IEE No. OAPA-11-NOV-PAK-003, approved 11/30/2010	
Amendment: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Programmatic IEE: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Amendment No.: 1	
Funding Amount: \$ 100,000		Life of Project Amount: \$ 120,000,000
Implementation Start/End: FY 2011 – FY2021		
Prepared By: Robert Helmerick, Engineer		Date Prepared: October 2, 2015
Expiration Date (if any): NA		Reporting due dates (if any): N.A.
Environmental Media and/or Human Health Potentially Impacted (check all that apply): None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Land <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity <input type="checkbox"/> Human Health <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Recommended Threshold Determination:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Determination <input type="checkbox"/> with conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Positive Determination		
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferral <input type="checkbox"/> Exemption <input type="checkbox"/> USG Domestic NEPA action		
<b>Climate Change:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> GCC/Adaption <input type="checkbox"/> GCC/Mitigation <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change Vulnerability Analysis (included) Adaptation/Mitigation Measures: Not Applicable.		

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**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:**

**1.0 Background and Project/Activity Description:** The objective for establishing a local procurement mechanism is to augment the limited numbers of OIE engineering staff thereby allowing OIE to meet the expanding demand for architecture and engineering services required by the technical offices of the USAID/Pakistan Mission. A mechanism dedicated to supporting engineering activities would relieve OIE staff, technical teams, and implementing partners of the considerable project construction monitoring and quality assurance burden, as well as offer cost effective assistance to partners in the early phases of construction project planning, design, and implementation. Timely, on-site construction monitoring/supervision are critical to avoid program management vulnerabilities. The proposed IQC mechanism would also provide project managers to quickly respond to urgent needs with minimal administrative difficulty. Additionally, the benefit of having an IQC in place is especially critical as the Mission seeks to rapidly scale up programs in response to natural disaster events, while maintaining maximum flexibility to work in a fluid environment.

**1.1 Purpose and Scope of IEE**

The purpose of this IEE Amendment No 1 of the IEE OAPA-11-NOV-PAK-0003 is to extend the activity Life of Project (LOP) from September 30, 2015 to September 30, 2021;

The scope of work and nature of all activities established under the original IEE as well as all conditions, limitations and revisions established in the original IEE for all activities remain the same and in force for the extended LOP duration.

**2.0 Threshold Determinations:**

This section of original IEE; IEE No. OAPA-11-NOV-PAK-003, approved 11/30/2010 remains unchanged.

**3.0 Limitations of IEE:**

This section of original IEE; IEE No. OAPA-11-NOV-PAK-003, approved 11/30/2010 remains unchanged.

**4.0 Revisions:**

In accordance with 22 CFR 216.3(a)(9), if a project is revised or new information becomes available, which indicates that a proposed action might be "major" and its effects "significant," the Determination will be reviewed and revised by the originator(s) of the program and projects and submitted through the MEO to the Bureau Environmental Officers, OAPA, for approval and, if warranted, an environmental assessment will be launched and scoping statement and environmental assessment report prepared. The scoping and EA process, if determined necessary during scoping, will follow and comply with 22 CFR 216.3(a)(4). It is the responsibility of the COR/PM to timely inform the MEO and BEO-OAPA of any changes in the scope and nature of approved activities, which may warrant the revision of the approved threshold decisions.

**5.0 Environmental Lessons Learned From USAID Funded A&E Services to monitor Construction Projects In Pakistan:**

Following are the key lessons learned:

- The A&E contractors were required in the task order scope of work to monitor the environmental compliance on the individual construction projects. As noted in monthly reports, the adherence to rules of the Provincial Environmental Protection Agency (PEPA) was enforced and contractor performance improved over the length of the projects.

To address the issues identified from the lessons learned during implementation of these projects, USAID has increased environmental compliance awareness training to both Mission and Implementing Partner staff to better understand the required mitigation measures and associated monitoring, inspection, and reporting requirements.

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**CLEARANCE / APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

**CLEARANCE:**

Activity Manager: *Tunc H. Muhammad* Date: *October 8, 2015*

Office Director: *[Signature]* Date: *Oct 10, 2015*

Mission Environmental Officer: *[Signature]* Date: *10/7/15*  
Howard Batson

Regional Environmental Advisor: *cleared by email attached* Date: *10/10/15*  
(OAPA) Andrei Barannik

Office Director: *[Signature]* Date: *11/10/2015*  
(OPM) *Julie Chen* Sara Walter

Deputy Mission Director: *[Signature]* Date: *10 Nov 2015*  
Kevin Brownawell

Mission Director: *[Signature]* Date: *[Signature]*  
John Groarke

**CONCURRENCE:**

Bureau Environmental Officer: *[Signature]* Date: *November 12, 2015*  
Gordon Weynand

Distribution: 1). Project files, 2). Mission IEE Data base, 3). OAA, 4). RLA





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Sat, Oct 10, 2015 at 11:10 AM

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Howard - sorry for late reply - was in the field & TDYs transit - reviewed - looks OK - pls have the amnd duly signed in the Mission, put "concurred by e-mail" on REA line and send it to Gordon Weynand, BEO/OAPA for his review and concurrence. W/R from Saigon, Andrei P.S. I think in such circumstances when the only change is extension of the LOP duration (and/or LOP funding level, increase or decrease for RCE) and to expedite the process, i.e. not seeking MD's approval, we can live with Memo for Record (File) from A/COR via MEO & REA to BEO

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